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Appendix 12 Spell of Illness Guide

The following table includes some examples to help providers determine when to submit a spell of illness form versus a prior authorization (PA) form.

Injury/Illness	Submit PA/Spell of Illness Forms?	Treatment Days	Submit PA/TA Form?
First time in treatment (femoral fracture)	no	30 days	n/a
Second time in treatment (mild CVA-ability to reachieve ADLS is possible)	yes	65 days	Submit the PA/RF and PA/TA forms to the fiscal agent within two weeks before spell of illness ends for additional 30 days
Third time in treatment (decubitus ulcer)	The diagnosis never qualifies for a spell of illness.	100 days	Submit PA/RF and PA/TA forms to the fiscal agent within two weeks of evaluation.
Fourth time in treatment (humeral fracture)	yes	26 days	n/a
Fifth time in treatment (severe CVA-ability to reachieve ADLS is questionable)	Does not qualify as spell of illness	14 days	Submit PA/RF and PA/TA forms to the fiscal agent within two weeks of evaluation.